

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment has incorporated the limitation of Claim 3 into Claim 1. In the Board Decision dated April 29, 2010, the Board reversed the rejection of Claim 3 over the combination of Takehisa/Fukuda¹ and Strebelle. See page 11 of the Board's Decision. Thus, the above amendment places this case in condition for allowance, and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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¹ JP 04327582 has been referred to as both Takehisa and Fukuda during prosecution herein. See, for example, footnote 2 at page 3 of the Board Decision.